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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PROP, PDEV, WA, SF
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: REPORT OF "SECRET" UN FILM ON
NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 141225

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, WE HAVE DISCRETELY INQUIRED AT THE UNITED NATIONS ABOUT THE REPORT THAT UN PERSONNEL INSIDE NAMIBIA ARE COVERTLY PRODUCING A FILM ON THE TERRITORY WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS. AMCIT WILLIAM POWELL, DIRECTOR OF THE PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS DIVISION OF THE UN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO SUCH FILM PROJECT BUT SUGGESTED THAT WE TALK WITH MARCEL MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF THE RADIO AND VISUAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION. MARTIN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT THE REPORT IS UNTRUE. HE STATED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT PRODUCING A FILM ON NAMIBIA. THE UN WOULD LIKE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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MUCH TO, HE ADDED, BUT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WILL NOT ALLOW IT. MARTIN NOTED THAT BOTH SWAPO AND THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA HAVE REQUESTED THE UN TO PRODUCE SUCH A FILM AND THAT THE UN MIGHT INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPILING A FILM BASED ON FOOTAGE ALREADY SHOT BY INDEPENDENT FILM MAKERS. MARTIN ADDITIONALLY STATED THAT THERE ARE NO INDEPENDENT OR NON-UN FILM MAKERS IN

NAMIBIA ON THE UNITED NATIONS' BEHALF.

2. BOTH POWELL AND MARTIN ARE KNOWN TO THE MISSION TO BE
RELIABLE, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF THE UNITED NATIONS WERE
PRODUCING THE ALLEGED FILM, THEY WOULD KNOW OF IT.
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